

ROANOKE NEWS

ROANOKE, Va., May 30.—Mrs. Sybil Dabney, of Columbus, Ohio, sister of Mrs. C. Croane, arrived in the city last Thursday accompanied by her niece, little Martha Leo Croane.

Miss Maggie Dehaven, of 308 Seventh Avenue, who has been indisposed for the past week, is much improved at this writing.

Major W. H. F. Crowell, District Deputy Grand Chancellor and Lecturer of the Southwestern District of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, suffered a very painful injury to himself about eight miles out from Bedford City Sunday, May 28, by being thrown from a truck and breaking his arm in the fall. He was rushed to Bedford City, where he received first aid attention by Dr. Pough, of Bedford. Mr. W. H. Hughes brought him to Bedford. The Odd Fellows had gone to lay a cornerstone. After the speaker of the day was injured Mr. Thomas C. Curtis and Mr. Charles Poindeux performed the balance of the ceremonies. They report a grand time otherwise.

Remember that Madison Stanfield 153 Wells Alley, N. W. will furnish the people of Roanoke with Salvasona, said by all who have tried it, to be the best ever used.

Don't go to sleep on the B-word puzzle and prizes offered by The Planet. Keep busy, you may win the prize.

Rev. George C. Taylor, D. D., ex-pastor of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, arrived in the city this week from Franktown, on the Eastern shore and will spend two weeks in the city and surrounding country. All are glad to meet the reverend.

Today, May 30, is Decoration Day and crowds could be seen from early morning until the setting of the sun, wending their way to the various burial parks with beautiful flowers to place on the mounds of loved ones.

Mr. T. T. Traynham and his uncle, Prof. M. Traynham left Tuesday A. M. to be present at Harmony, Halifax County, Va., to the memorial exercises of their relatives and to lay flowers on the graves of father, mother, brother and sisters.

In passing the home of Mrs. Smith on Lynchburg Avenue, we discovered that the bridal party had arrived for a most delightful Georgia Pie Party. The Planet Agent was there and nothing but enjoyment was in this jolly party.

Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Reid, of Bal-

timore, Md. were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Reid, his brother, on Harrison Avenue, N. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Smith, of Braddock, Pa. were the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles M. Grey, on Wells Avenue, N. W.

Mr. B. F. Sherrard left the city for Atlanta, Ga., where he will attend the meeting of the Standard Life Insurance Company.

Miss Martha W. Burks, who attended Scotia College, of Concord, N. C.; Miss Arlene Waller, of Kirtland College; Miss Gwynne Brown, of Swift Memorial College, Rogersville, Tenn., are in the city the guest of their parents. They all look to be enjoying the best of health.

Mr. James Cooby met with a very painful accident last week while descending stairs. His heel caught on the steps and he fell face forward. He was badly shaken up. He is now resting as well as can be expected at his home, 312 Ninth Avenue, N. E.

The Leal Tennis Club of this city is playing in Bluefield, W. Va.

The Black Sox of N. E. defeated the Elks in their first game of the season by the score of 10 to 6. The manager of the Elks Club says they will be there with the goods at the end of the season.

Mrs. Delmo L. Page and two little sons and Miss Lousie Lucas spent the week-end visiting in Norfolk.

Mr. E. Irwin Terry returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where he was a delegate to the Presbytery the past two weeks.

Get a copy of one of the many Negro newspapers from J. C. Dugger 405 Gainsboro Avenue.

In memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Charlotte Payne, who departed this life May 26, 1920. Gone, but not forgotten.

Off from our hearts come a bitter cry "Why, oh why did our mother die." Then comes the answer so solemn and sweet, "She's not dead, but only asleep."

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

Her Daughter and Son,
PINKIE P. WRIGHT

T. L. WRIGHT.

KLAN RULES ARE REVISED AS LYNCHINGS GROW.

Nine Mob Victims in Texas Within the Last Three Weeks.

Austin, Texas, May 28.—Since May 6 nine colored people have been burned, shot or hanged. An unmasked band of white men in Texas. A tenth was accused of the murder of R. C. Chouteau, a policeman of Texarkana, Ark., just across the State line. He was captured by a mob from the 2 States and after his body had been riddled with bullets, it was publicly burned.

Although there is no evidence that the Ku Klux Klan had any part in the recent lynchings there has been a marked revision of the rules governing the operations of the Klan and whipping of offenders no longer is sanctioned.

In Dallas an anti-Ku Klux organization was formed recently with M. M. Crane, former Attorney-General of the State as chairman.

This outbreak of lynchings has its beginning on the night of May 6, when three colored persons were burned to death in the town of Kirvin for murdering Miss Ella Aweley, 17, a school girl. At intervals of every few days there have been mob uprisings in other communities with a resultant colored victim.

The latest of the manifestations of lawlessness occurred on the night of May 26 when Jesse Thomas, a twenty three year old colored youth of Waco, was taken in charge by a mob and accused of murdering Harry Bolton and then attacking Mrs. Margaret Hays, who was riding with Bolton in an auto mobile near Waco.

Thomas was confronted by the young woman in the presence of the mob, and she identified him as the man who had attacked her. Then Sam Harris, her father, shot and killed Thomas.

His body was taken to an undertaker's establishment but the mob recovered and burned it upon the public square in the presence of several thousand persons.

When the mob had dispersed it was declared Thomas was not guilty. His relatives insist he was at home on the night of the crime. It is stated that Waco is inclined to accept the proof offered of Thomas's innocence. At any rate five other colored suspects have been arrested and in jail there with proof of guilt pointing to one of them. Harris, who killed Thomas offered to give himself up, but was told that no warrant had been issued for him.

Snap Curry, Mose Jones and John Cornish, colored who were burned alive at Kirvin, were employed as farm hands on the plantation of the girl's grandfather. It is asserted that Curry confessed and implicated the other two colored men in the crime. Curry's body was mutilated before it was burned. His death was witnessed by the other two colored men who soon were to share a similar fate. In the outskirts of the crowd that witnessed the burning of the men stood Shadrach Green, a colored farmer of the community. He was heard to condemn the action of the mob. A day later Green's body was found hanging to the limb of a tree near Kirvin.

On May 17 a young white woman of Plantersville was attacked. The authorities arrested Tom Early, colored for the crime. As soon as the news spread

a mob of 300 white men was formed and Early was taken out of jail and hanged.

Three days after the lynching of Early another mob banged Mose Broder at Alletton, accused of attacking a twelve year old white girl.

At Conroe Joe Winters, colored was arrested on the charge of attacking a white woman. He was captured by a mob, taken to the court house yard, chained to the iron fence, a funeral pyre built around him and burned to death on May 19 in the presence of hundreds. It is asserted he confessed.

Farmers near Bryan accused a colored man of having poisoned their cattle. On May 23 a mob tied him, whose name was Rogers to the end of a rope and dragged him to death.

Not a member of the various mobs has been arrested. Gov. Neff sent Rangers to Kirvin and Waco, but they did not reach the town until after the excitement was over. At Waco the Rangers still are guarding the jail.

The citizenship of the State is aroused over the unprecedented outbreaks of mobs and Governor Neff has been urged to take action. He has issued a statement in which he deprecates the mob spirit. He points out that good would be accomplished if the Legislature would pass a law providing for the trial of persons accused of mob violence in a county other than the one in which the lynching occurred. It is regarded as useless to arrest or attempt to convict a member of a mob in his own community.

GOOD SAMARITANS CONVENTION.

State Grand Lodge No. 6, of Va., L. O. G. S. and D. of S., will hold its 56th Annual meeting in Danville, Va. June 13, 14 and 15. Delegates will secure convention certificates from the ticket agent when purchasing your ticket and I this will give you one half fare return. Get ticket early so that the agent will have time to fill certificates for you.

J. W. THOMPSON,
Grand Sec.-Manager.

FIRST MT. OLIVE NOTES.

Newtown, Va., May 30.—Mrs. Virgie Howard died last Saturday at her home near Indian Neck. Burial services were conducted last Sunday at 3:30 P. M. by the pastor.

Miss Lily Taylor returned from Baltimore last Sunday.

Mr. William Holmes has returned home (Philadelphia) after spending a few days visiting in this section.

Mrs. Susie Nelson lost her home by fire last Saturday night.

The Queen's Rally at Mt. Olive last Sunday under the auspices of the Women's Missionary circle was quite a success. The sum of \$561.30 was raised. The clubs under the leadership of Madames Herbert Washington, W. G. Haves, Virgie Braxton and Bell Baylor deserve great credit for their faithful work.

We thank our many friends, who contributed so liberally.

Messrs. Henry Redmond, John W. Redmond, Henry Dennis and Miss Martha E. Dennis of Chancellor were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Lawson last Sunday.

Mr. George Johnson lost a valuable cow a few days ago.

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Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

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Mrs. A. Y. Gamby made a very splendid address "Doing Good" at our Vesper services on Sunday afternoon. This thought expressed was that the joy of real service is in doing for others and not for ourselves and that of times the good deed unconsciously done is of untold benefit to countless numbers. The vocal solos by Mr. Robert Cole and Mrs. Mamie Allen were indeed a real treat.

Mrs. Nannie Frayser will have charge of the program for Sunday afternoon. Be sure to come. Vesper hours from 6 to 7 P. M.

The Garden Party given by the Alm High Club was quite a success. The club wishes to thank all those who assisted them in this effort toward raising their Conference Fund.

The Girls Conference will be held at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C., from August 9 to 19th. Let's send a large group.

MAD GEORGIA MOB BURNS BODY AFTER LYNCHING.

Savannah, May 29.—Will Bird, colored, was accused of having killed B. W. Moody, a white man yesterday afternoon near Brentwood, in Wayne county. Bird was trailed into a swamp by a mob of 300 men, surrounded, shot to death and his body burned.

The mob then dispersed and Brentwood today was quiet.

Bird is said to have gone to the home of Moody, who was a turpentine and lumber operator and remonstrated with Moody's son on complaint of Bird's wife. The woman, one of several colored ones just engaged by Moody's had arrived at the railroad station and had been met with an automobile, truck. It was said she complained, because she was not allowed to ride on the front seat with the white driver and reported to Bird, her husband, as soon as she met him.

Bird was quarreling with Moody's son at the Moody home when the elder man appeared "to stop the quarrel." As he emerged from his door he was shot and killed.

EIGHT SCALDED AS TRACTION ENGINE BOILER EXPLODES.

Three of Victims Are Not Expected to Recover From Burns.

Rockport, Ind., May 30.—Eight persons were scalded, three of them probably fatally, and one, a man 77 years old, escaped death miraculously today, when the boiler of a traction engine exploded at Buffaloville, near here. The boiler leaped over Daniel Wetzel, 77, hurling him to the ground, and catapulted through the air. Wetzel was considerably shaken up and slightly scalded.

Andrew Wetzel, son of Daniel, was beside the traction engine when the boiler exploded. He was crushed and scalded. His brother, Carl Wetzel and Brad Colner, who were near by were hurled thirty feet into a field, the three rendered unconscious and their recovery is doubtful.

Robert Ferguson working a road was scalded as were Andrew Wetzel's three children who were in the path of the flying boiler that shot steam and boiling water behind it like a gigantic sky rocket.

The cause of the explosion is unknown, as members of the crew reported that there was only eighty pounds of steam in the boiler and that there was ample water to preclude the possibility of any accident.

CANADIAN OFFER OF \$100,000 FOR BOUT INTERESTS HIM.

(Preston News Service)
New York City.—And now, Jack Dempsey, from whose loins hangs the heavyweight championship belt, has returned to the good old United States, following a brief, hectic sojourn in England, France and other European countries. We are informed, that if news dispatches are correct, that Tex Rickard and other notables of "flatland" were on hand when the big champion landed with their pockets literally poking out with contracts and fountain pens in hand. The ostensible purpose for all this activity was a desire to match the former shipworker with our Harry Wills.

Dempsey says, "Now that I'm home I hope that all the boys who were so bravely challenging me while I was absent will continue to exhibit signs of that bravery. And I sincerely hope, likewise, that some of the promoters who were talking about putting me together with Wills' haven't changed their minds. I want action—and plenty of it."

DEMPSEY WILLING TO FIGHT.

"The first thing Jack Kearns and I will do will be to find out just what that offer of \$100,000 from Montreal amounts to. If Canadian sportsmen are willing to put up that amount of money I'd say offhand that they are going to have an awfully good chance of staging a battle for the world's heavyweight championship between Wills and myself."

"It seems that whenever certain people want a lot of publicity they announce they are going to put up a big sum of money for me to fight Wills. But when the offer is run down it is usually discovered that there is some joker in it or the offer is not made with sincerity."

"Now bring on the tough babies, one by one, and I will attempt to prove that I am the best fighter in the world—or lose my championship in the trying."

NUNN DOUBTS DEMPSEY'S SINCERITY.

W. G. Nunn thinks: "There's nothing to it! Dempsey is not going to fight Wills if he can keep from it. Look at the camouflage in his first public utterance after his return. From where I view the proceedings Dempsey can see nothing in the Montreal rumor—it is just a rumor to him. However, there is not the least bit of chance that Wills and Dempsey will meet before Labor Day. And even that is doubtful. There are several good reasons why."

While the public has finally decided that no other opponent is as well fitted to give the white champ a real run for his hundreds of thousands, it appears that the smoking up process for a July 1st bout is a bit overdue. The newspapers, with the exception of a noteworthy few, have not endorsed Wills. And you know newspapers would public sentiment. It would take a month or more for the papers to work up things to the proper pitch.

Then, in all probability, after the possibilities and liabilities of the two principal opponents, a news dispatch will be carried wherein the men will have dashed off their signatures in some promoter's office, after making dire threats about what will happen when they finally come together. It all goes to make the gullible public fall the harder for the match.

Then a coterie of reporters will accompany the men on their training trips—the papers will be full of measurements, their feats and their superb condition, and finally a crowd of mammoth proportions will turn out. One can easily see that it is impossible, if this plan is carried out—how impossible it will be for the two men to meet before Labor Day."

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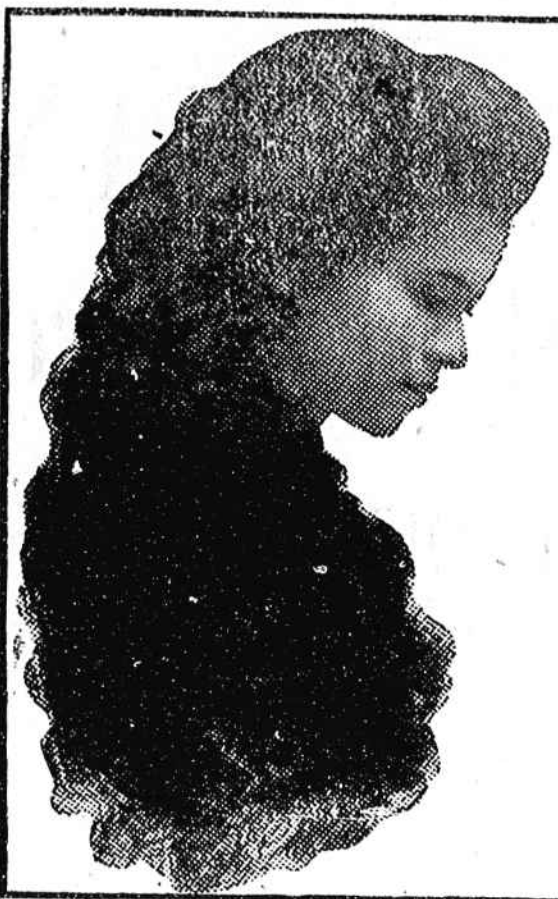
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